

...THE OWL,  
NOW A TITAN,  
CRUSHED  
THEIR STEAM  
SHIPS INTO  
DUST, WHICH  
HE SPREAD  
ACROSS THE  
OCEAN.

AROUND  
THE TIME  
THE  
SOLDIERS  
RAN OUT OF  
AMMUNI-  
TION...



SOON HE'D  
SQUEEZED  
THE  
SOLDIERS  
THEMSELVES  
DRY AND  
THROWN  
THEM  
INTO THE  
OCEAN,  
TOO...

...LIKE  
DISCARDED  
PIECES OF  
FRUIT.







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I  
SUPPOSE  
I NEED  
TO  
EXPLAIN  
TO YOU  
WHAT  
THE  
OCEAN  
IS.

IT'S A  
LARGE  
BODY OF  
SALT WATER  
THAT  
COVERS  
SEVEN-  
TENTHS  
OF THE  
WORLD'S  
SURFACE.

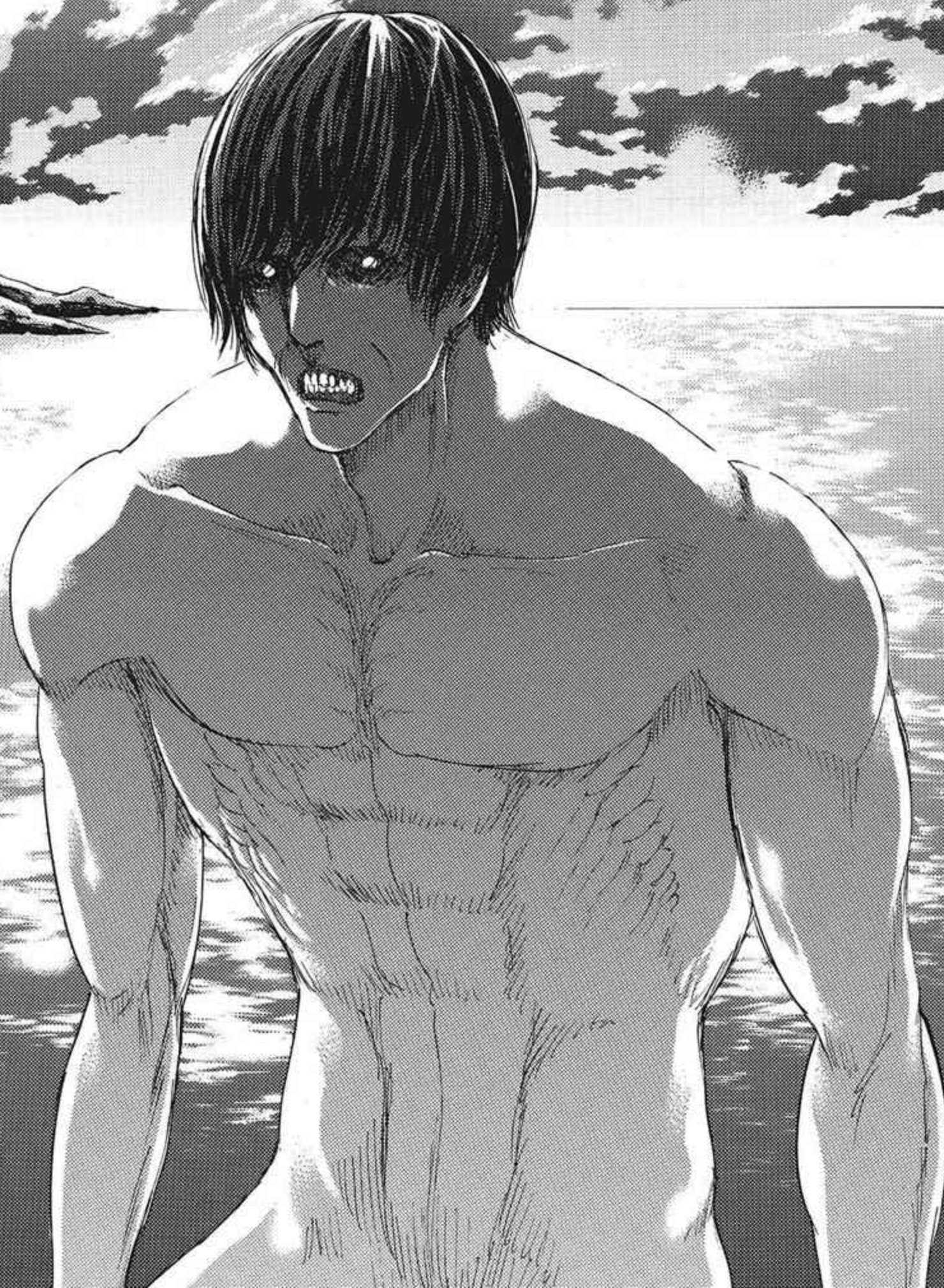


EVERY  
TRACE  
THAT  
THEY  
EVER  
EXISTED  
HERE ON  
THIS  
ISLAND...

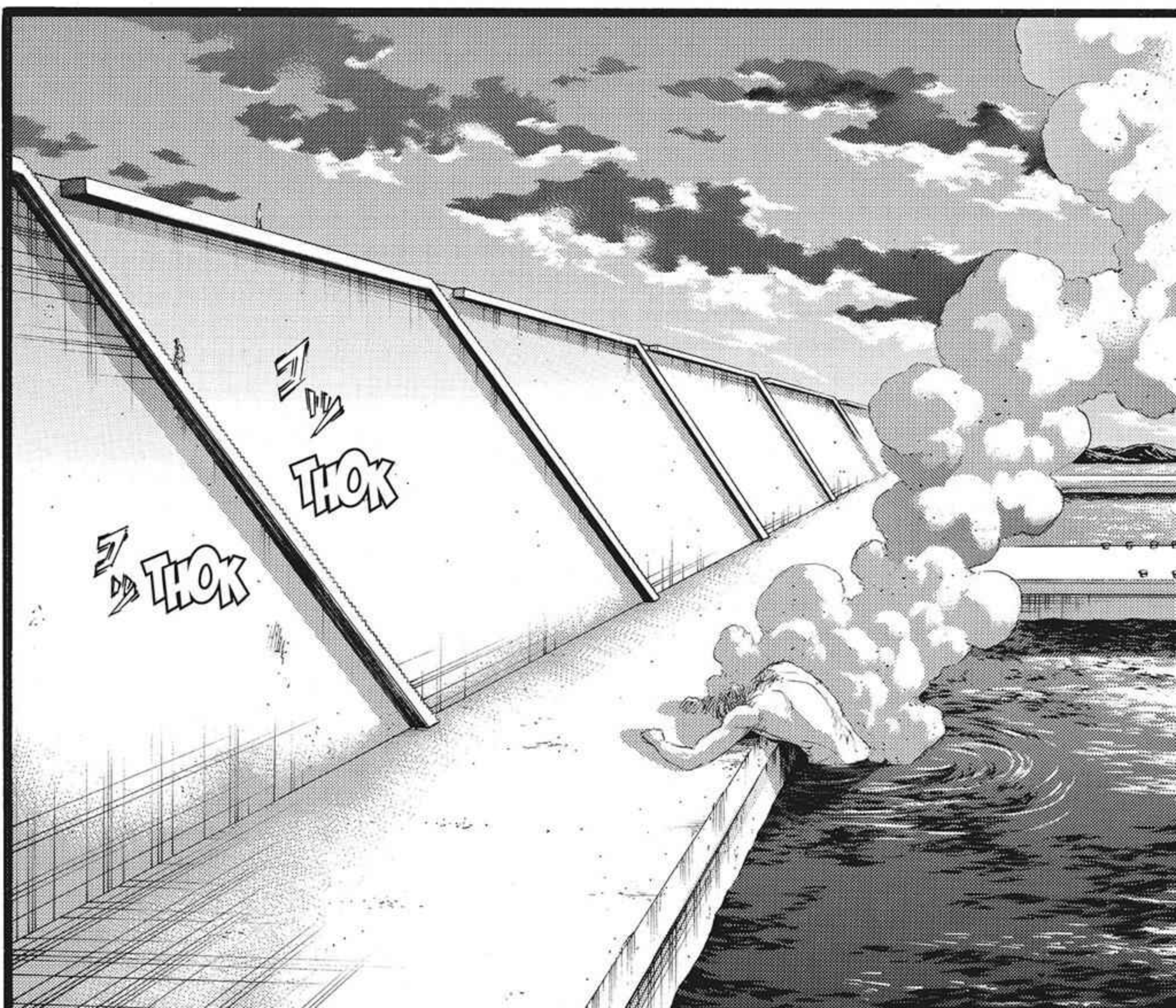


SO THE STEAM  
SHIPS THE MARLEY  
PUBLIC SECURITY  
AUTHORITIES USED  
TO TAKE US HERE,  
AND EVERYTHING  
THOSE SOLDIERS  
CARRIED-

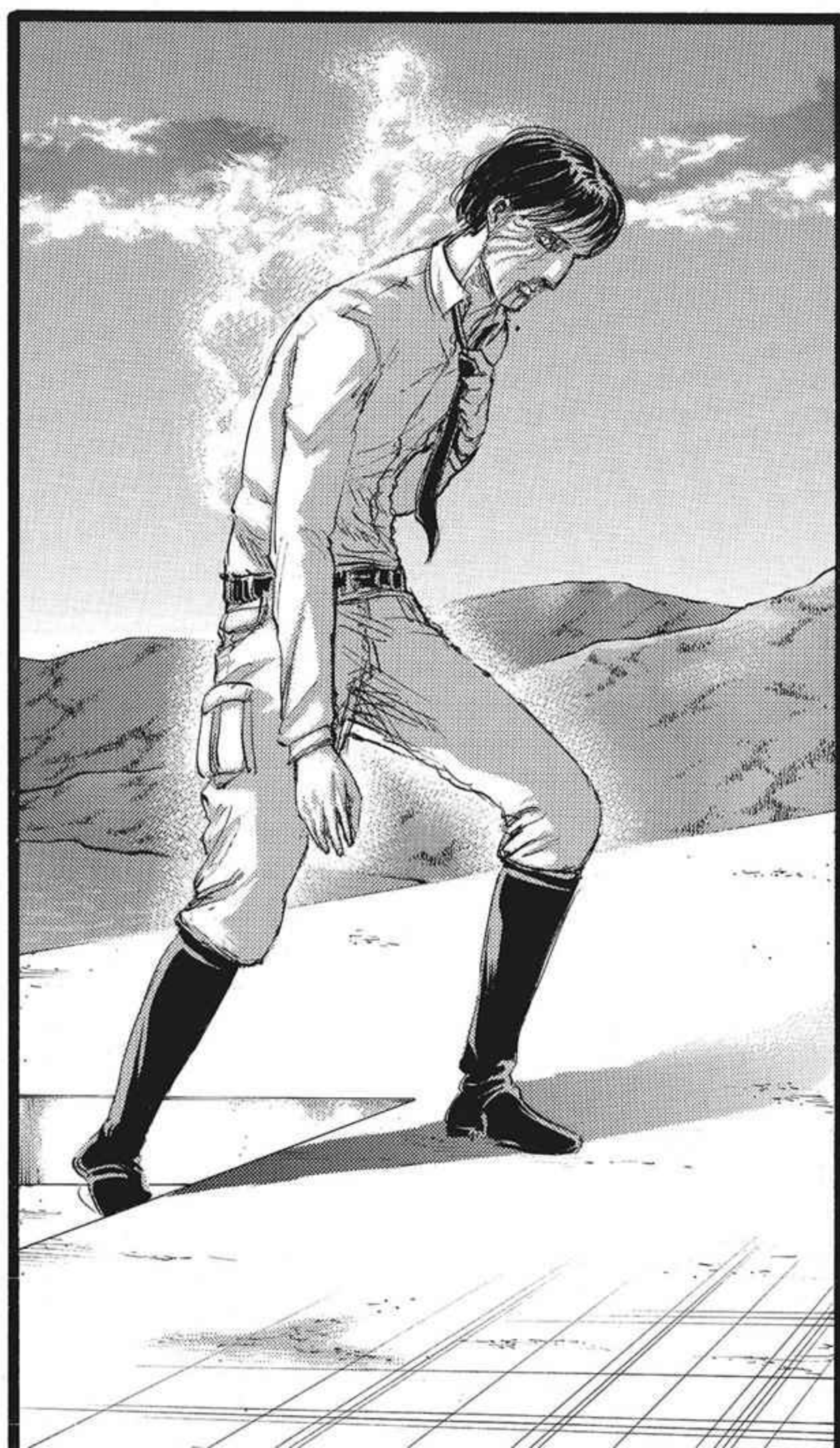
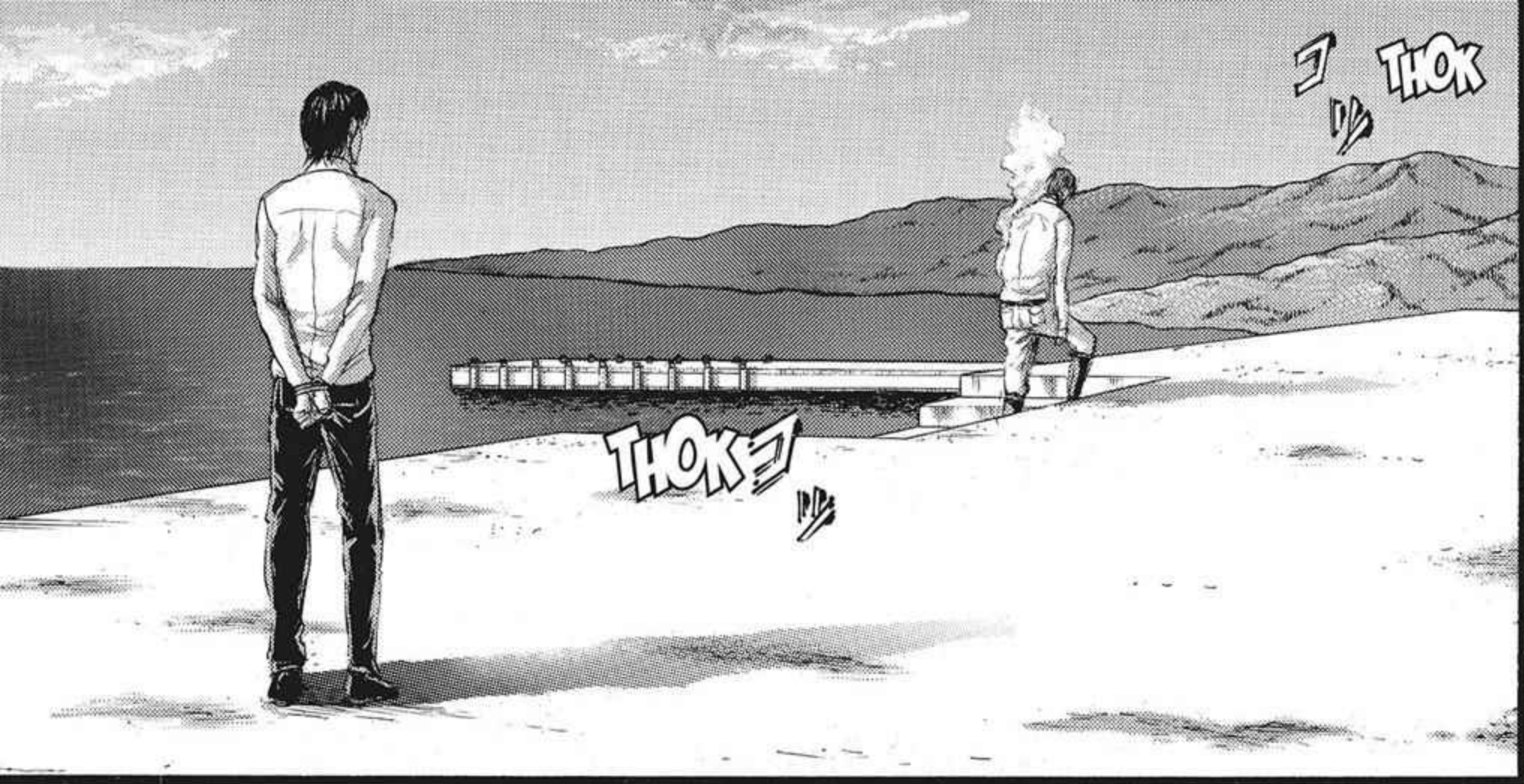
...HAD  
VANISHED,  
ENGULFED  
IN THE  
OCEAN.



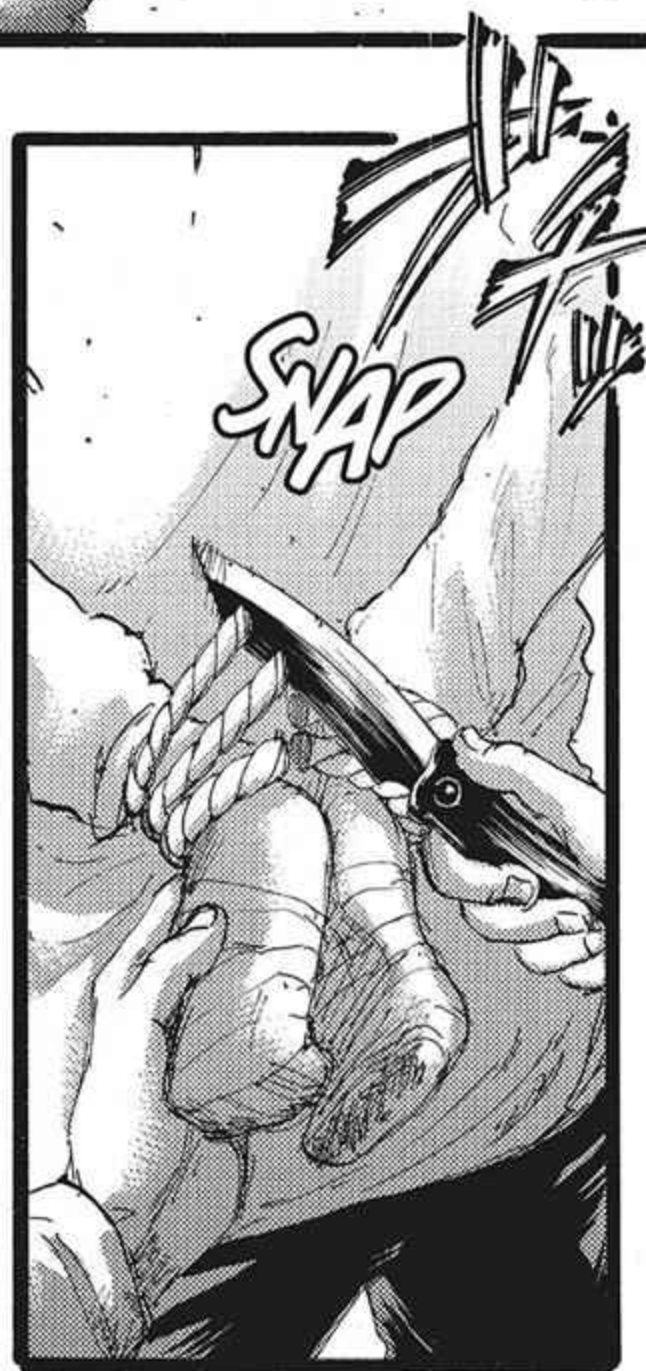
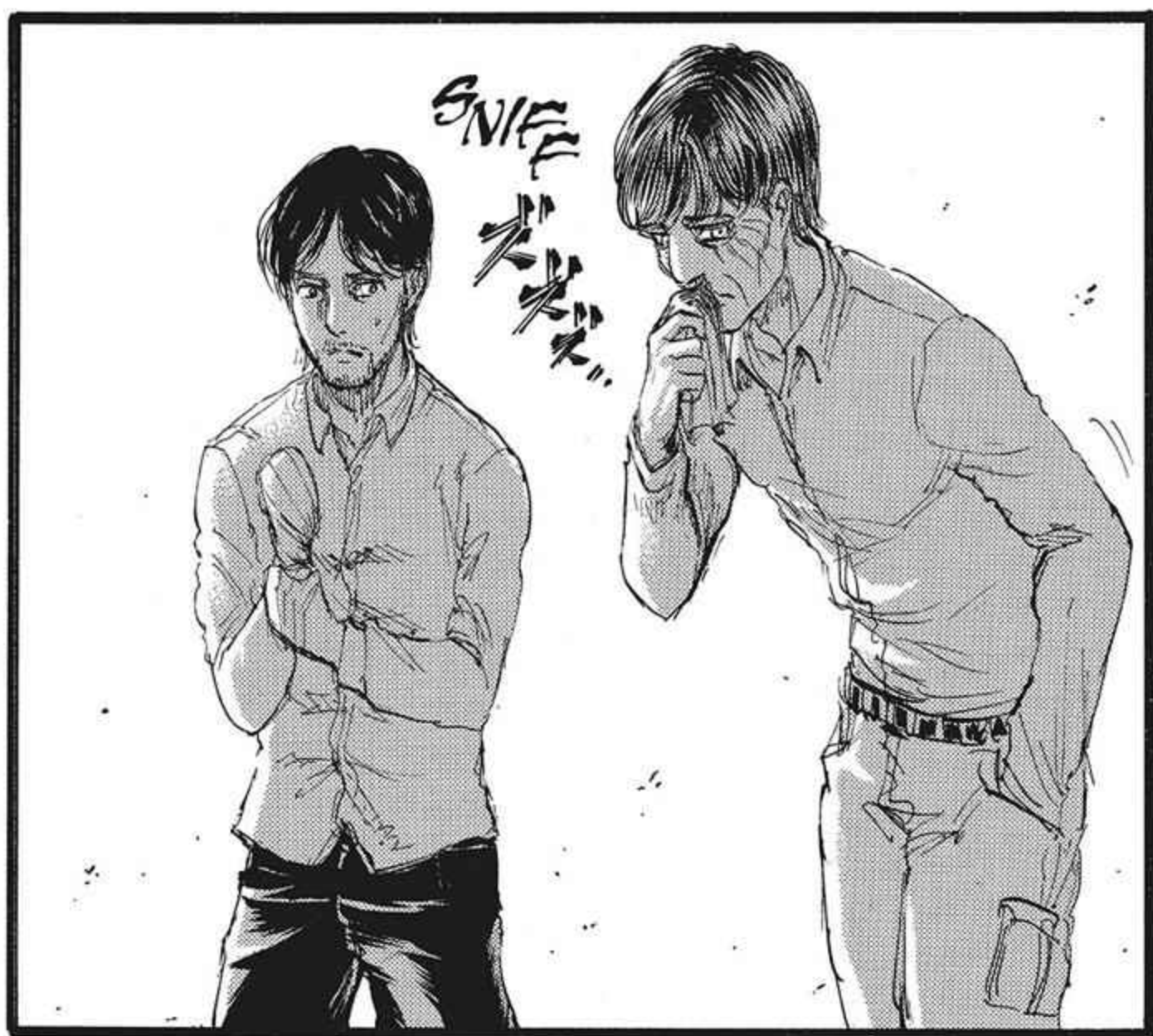












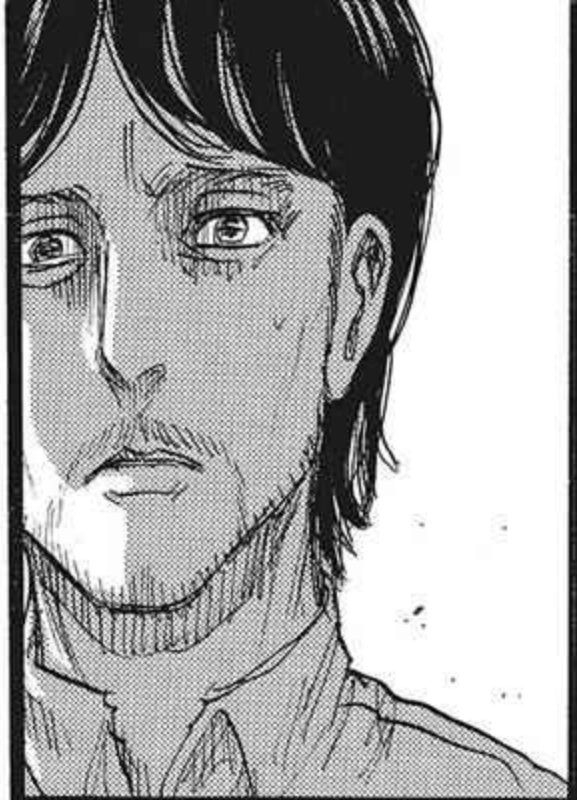




...  
EVEN  
START  
?

WHERE  
DO I...

...I  
DON'T  
KNOW.



BUT I  
DON'T HAVE  
THAT KIND  
OF TIME.

SORRY,



WHO  
ARE  
YOU?

...  
OWL.

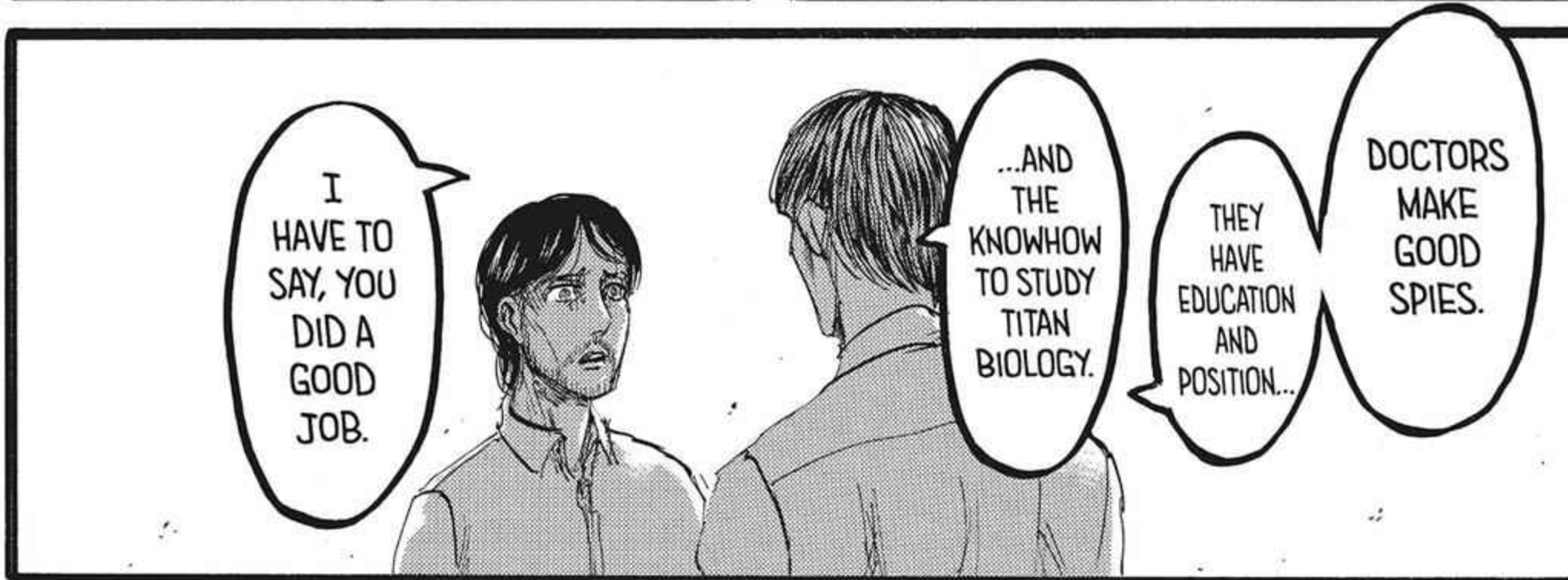


AS I JUST  
SHOWED YOU,  
I HOLD THE  
POWER OF  
ONE OF THE  
NINE TITANS  
WITHIN ME.

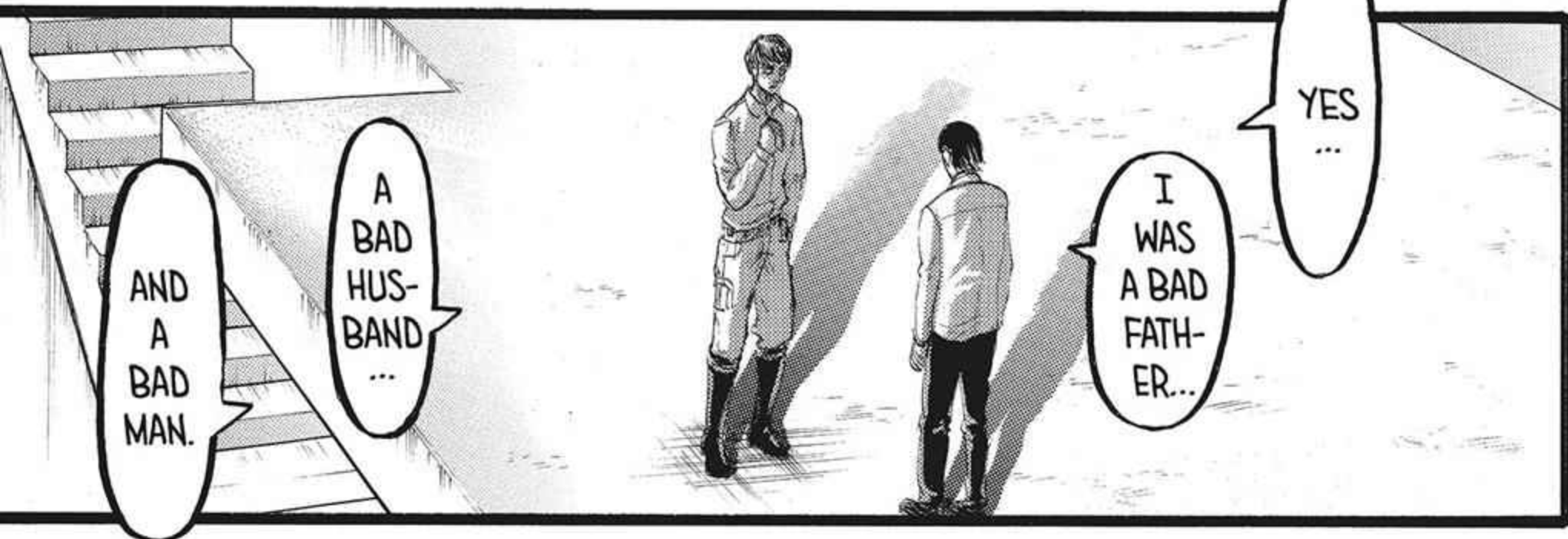
MY  
NAME IS  
EREN  
KRUGER.

IN  
OTHER  
WORDS,  
I AM ONE  
OF THE  
SUBJECTS  
OF YMIR,  
JUST LIKE  
YOU.











WASN'T IT  
OBVIOUS? EVEN  
OUR ELDIAN  
CHILDREN KNOW  
THAT FROM THEIR  
MARLEY HISTORY  
TEXTBOOKS.

SHE  
COULD  
MAKE  
FULL USE  
OF THE  
POWER  
OF THE  
TITANS.

...SHE WAS  
A SUBJECT  
OF YMIR WITH  
ROYAL BLOOD.  
SHE WAS  
SPECIAL.

DINA  
...



...  
YOU  
ARE  
RIGHT.

IF YOU  
HADN'T  
SUP-  
PRESSED  
THAT  
FACT...AT  
THE VERY  
LEAST...

DINA  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE HAD TO  
COME HERE  
AND BE  
TURNED INTO A  
MINDLESS  
MONSTER...



WHY AM I  
THE ONLY  
ONE YOU  
KEPT  
ALIVE?!

ANSWER  
ME,  
OWL  
!!

SNATCH







OH,  
THAT'S  
TOO  
KIND  
OF  
YOU!

THOUGH YOU  
DIDN'T SEEM  
QUITE AS  
CONCERNED  
ABOUT MY  
FINGERS WHEN  
THEY WERE  
CUTTING  
THEM OFF!



STOP  
IT.

THINK  
OF  
YOUR  
FIN-  
GERS.



TELL ME!!  
WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU DO  
ANY-  
THING?!

WHAT  
PURPOSE  
DID IT  
SERVE  
TURNING  
THE ELDIA  
RESTORA-  
TIONISTS  
INTO  
TITANS?!

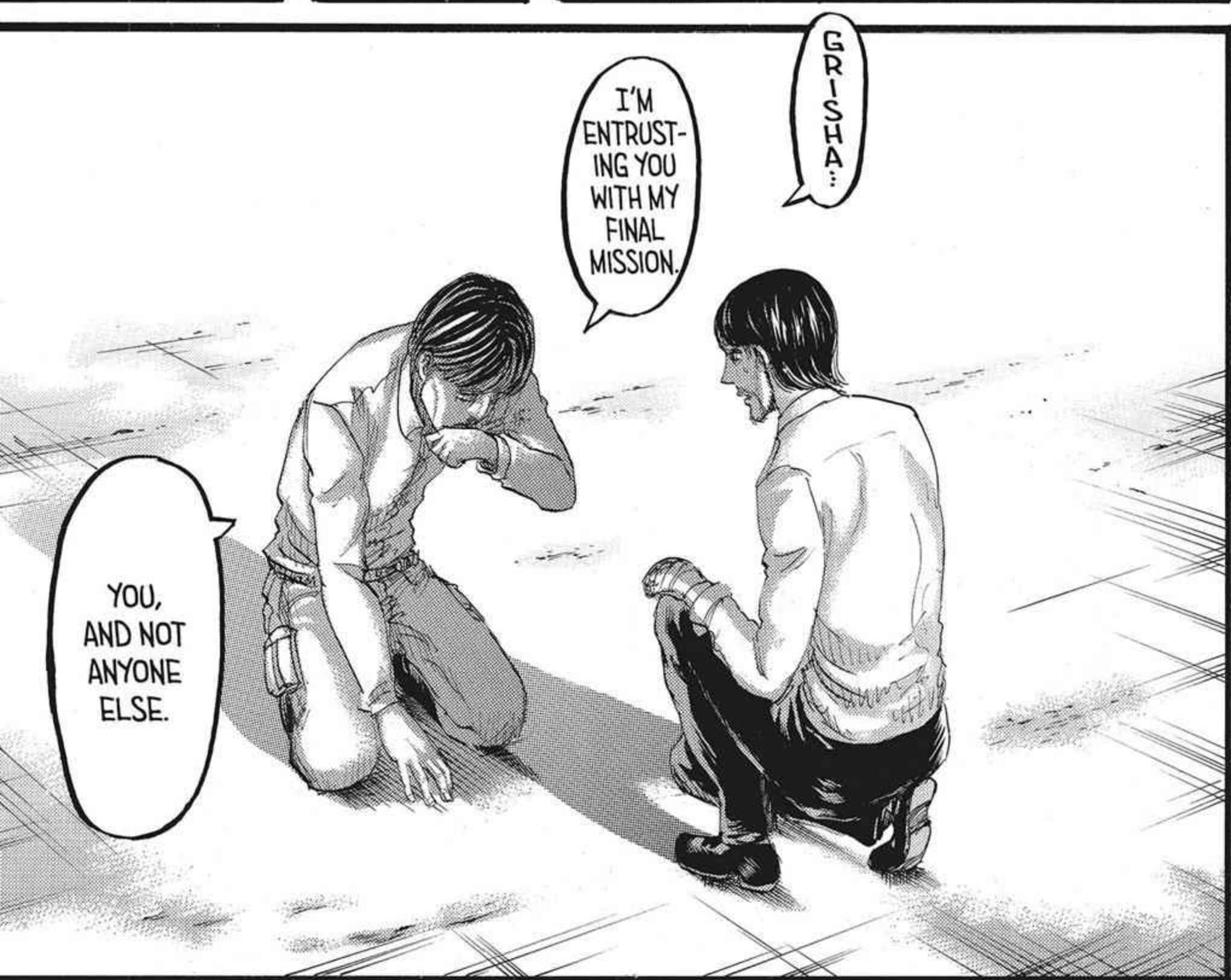


COULDN'T  
YOU HAVE KEPT  
EVERYONE  
FROM  
BECOMING  
TITANS IF  
YOU'D GONE ON  
YOUR LITTLE  
RAMPAGE  
EARLIER?













IF I  
HADN'T  
CALLED  
OUT TO  
YOU AND  
STOPPED  
YOU,

THAT  
DAY...WHEN  
WE FIRST  
MET...



...I THINK  
IT'S MORE  
LIKELY THAT  
I WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
KILLED  
ALONGSIDE  
HER.



YOU MAY  
HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO  
SAVE YOUR  
SISTER.

...



...WOULD  
HAVE NEVER  
HATED  
MARLEY AS  
MUCH AS  
YOU DO  
NOW.

YOU  
PROBA-  
BLY...



BUT IN ANY  
CASE, IF THAT  
HAD NEVER  
HAPPENED...

IT PUTS  
ME AT  
EASE TO  
KNOW  
YOU  
THINK  
THAT...







THAT'S WHY  
YOU PICKED  
ME?

AND  
...

...



IT'S  
PART  
OF IT.



FOR  
THE  
STATE.



YOUR  
HATE...

FOR  
YOUR  
FATH-  
ER.



THAT  
HATE I SAW  
IN YOUR  
EYES COULD  
HAVE  
BURNED THE  
WORLD TO  
ASHES.

AND  
FOR  
YOUR-  
SELF...





!...



I WAS  
ONCE  
THAT  
WAY,  
TOO.

BUT  
THEY  
WEREN'T  
ABLE TO  
DO A  
THING.

IN THE  
END, THEY  
WERE ALL  
BURNED  
ALIVE WITH  
THEIR  
FAMILIES.



THE  
MEMBERS  
OF THE ROYAL  
FAMILY WHO  
STAYED ON THE  
CONTINENT  
FORMED A  
INSURGENT  
FORCE, AND MY  
FATHER  
JOINED.



I WAS  
TOO  
SCARED  
TO DO  
ANY-  
THING  
ELSE.



I WAS  
JUST A CHILD.  
ALL I COULD DO  
WAS WATCH  
THROUGH A  
CRACK IN THE  
CLOSET  
DOOR.



I SWORE TO  
GET REVENGE  
ON MARLEY AND  
TO RESTORE  
ELDIA.

MY FATHER'S  
FRIENDS SAVED  
ME JUST BEFORE  
MY HOME  
BURNED DOWN...  
AFTER THAT...

MY  
FULL  
DEVOTION TO  
THAT...

...IS WHAT  
KEPT MY  
IDENTITY  
FROM BEING  
REVEALED  
UNTIL  
TODAY.

...TO  
KICK  
THEM DOWN  
FROM HERE  
AND TURN  
THEM INTO  
TITANS.

BUT TO  
DO THAT, I HAD  
TO TAKE THE  
FINGERS OF THE  
PEOPLE I WANTED  
TO PROTECT...  
TO SKIN THEM  
ALIVE...



I'M JUST  
LOOKING OUT  
INTO THE  
WORLD FROM  
A CRACK IN A  
CLOSET  
DOOR...

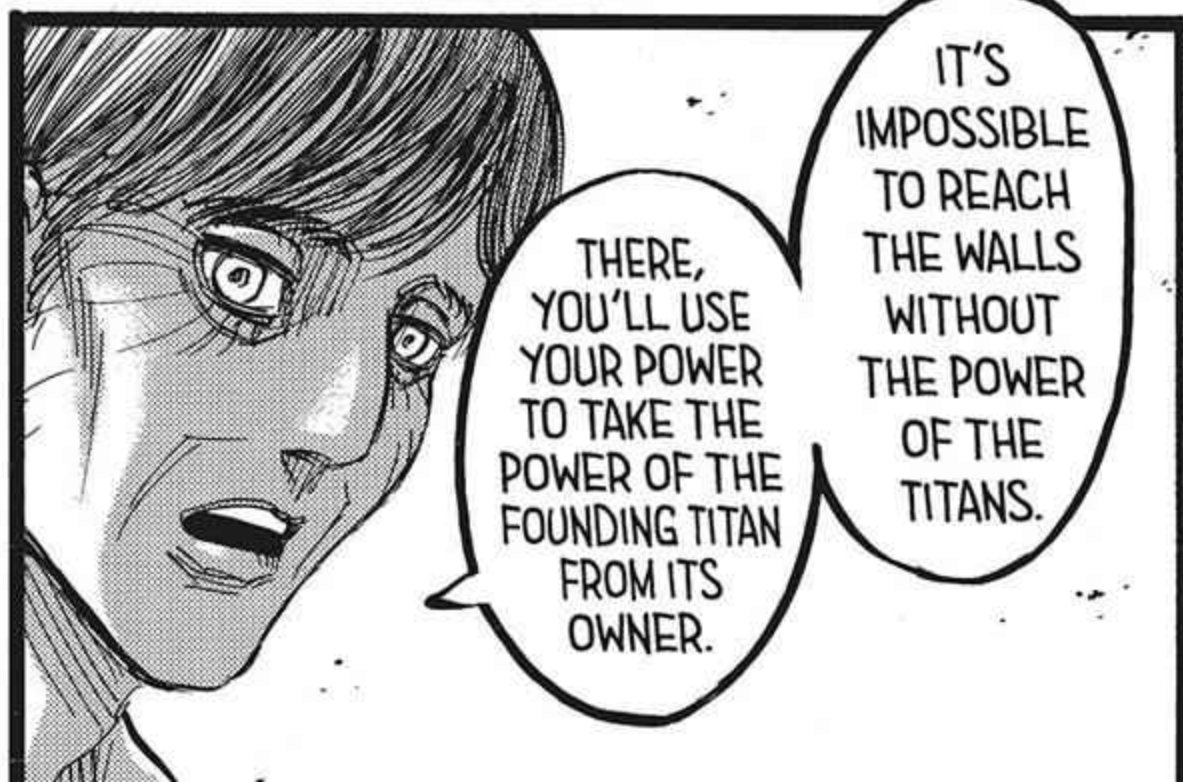
...THE  
SAME  
AS  
THEN.

...  
MAYBE  
I'M  
STILL  
...











A close-up of two men. The man on the left has dark hair and a beard, looking slightly away. The man on the right is shown in profile, looking towards the first man.

BECAUSE  
MY GOAL WAS  
TO RAISE THE  
MORALE OF THE  
RESTORATION-  
ISTS.

I HAVEN'T  
TOLD YOU  
EVERYTHING I  
KNOW.

A wide shot of a beach with mountains in the background. Two men are sitting on the sand, facing each other. A large concrete wall is in the foreground on the right.

...WILL  
DIE IN  
THIR-  
TEEN  
YEARS.

ANYONE  
WHO  
INHERITS  
THE  
POWER OF  
ONE OF  
THE  
TITANS...

AND I  
INHERITED  
IT  
THIRTEEN  
YEARS  
AGO.

A close-up of a man's face with a beard and dark hair, looking directly forward with a serious expression.

YOU  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN SO  
EAGER TO HAVE  
ZEKE OR DINA TAKE  
ON THE FOUNDING  
TITAN'S  
POWERS.

IF YOU  
HAD  
KNOWN  
THAT...





THE  
"CURSE  
OF  
YMIR."

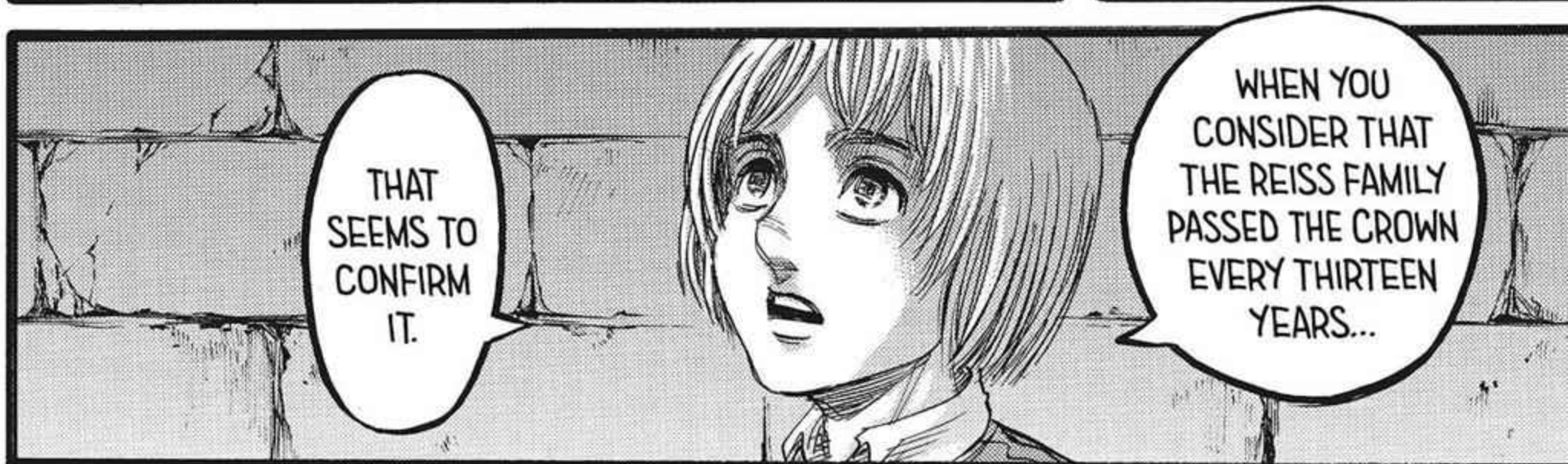
THE  
OWL  
CALLED  
IT...

SO WHEN  
THAT TIME  
CLOSES IN, YOUR  
BODY WEAKENS...  
AS THE VESSEL  
FINISHES  
SERVING ITS  
PURPOSE.

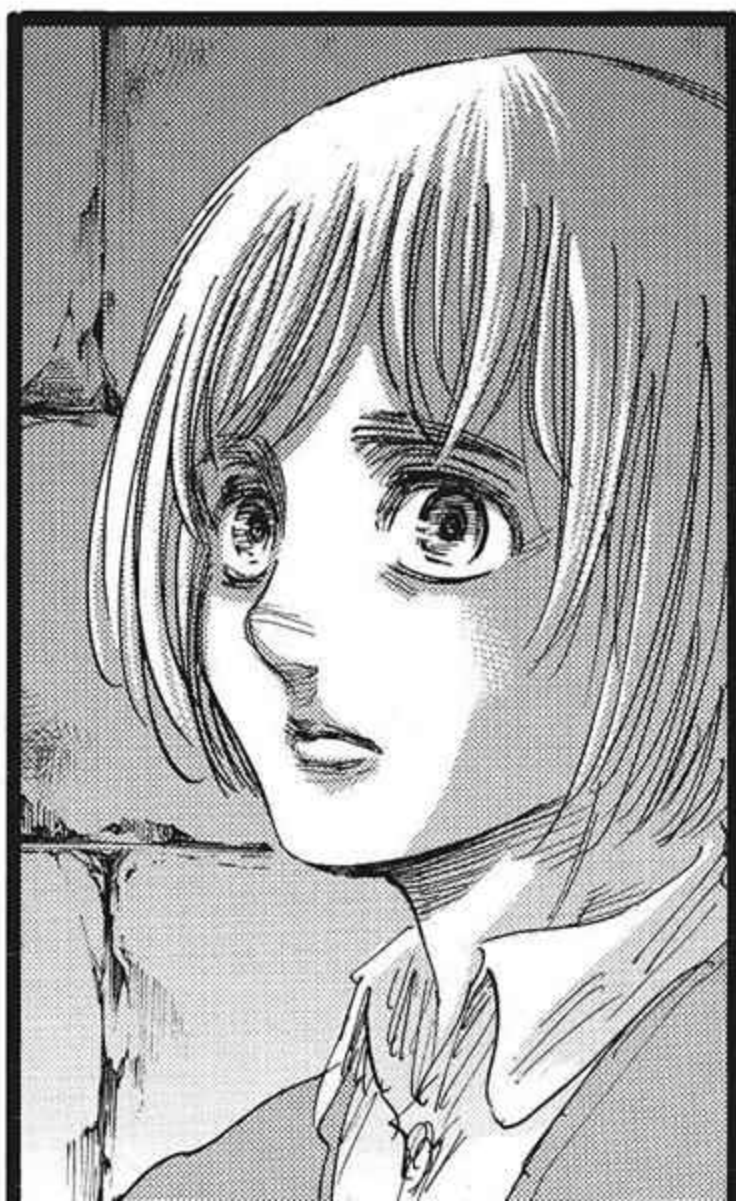
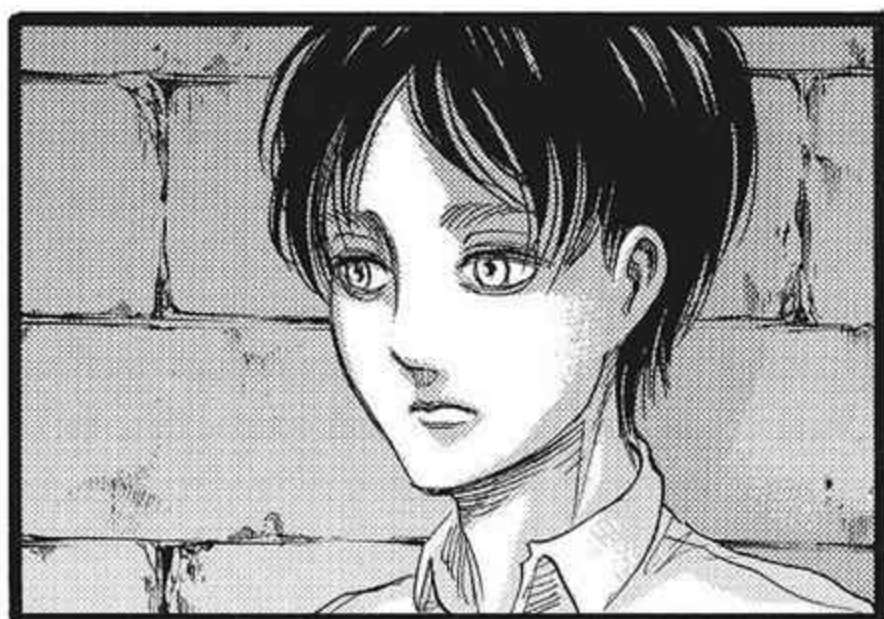
AND  
NO ONE'S  
POWER CAN  
EXCEED  
HERS.

IT'S  
BECAUSE THEY  
SAY YMIR, THE  
FOUNDING TITAN,  
DIED THIRTEEN  
YEARS AFTER FIRST  
AWAKENING TO HER  
POWERS.













AND  
NEITHER  
DO BLOOD  
RELATIONS.

DISTANCE  
PLAYS NO  
FACTOR IN  
THIS AT  
ALL...

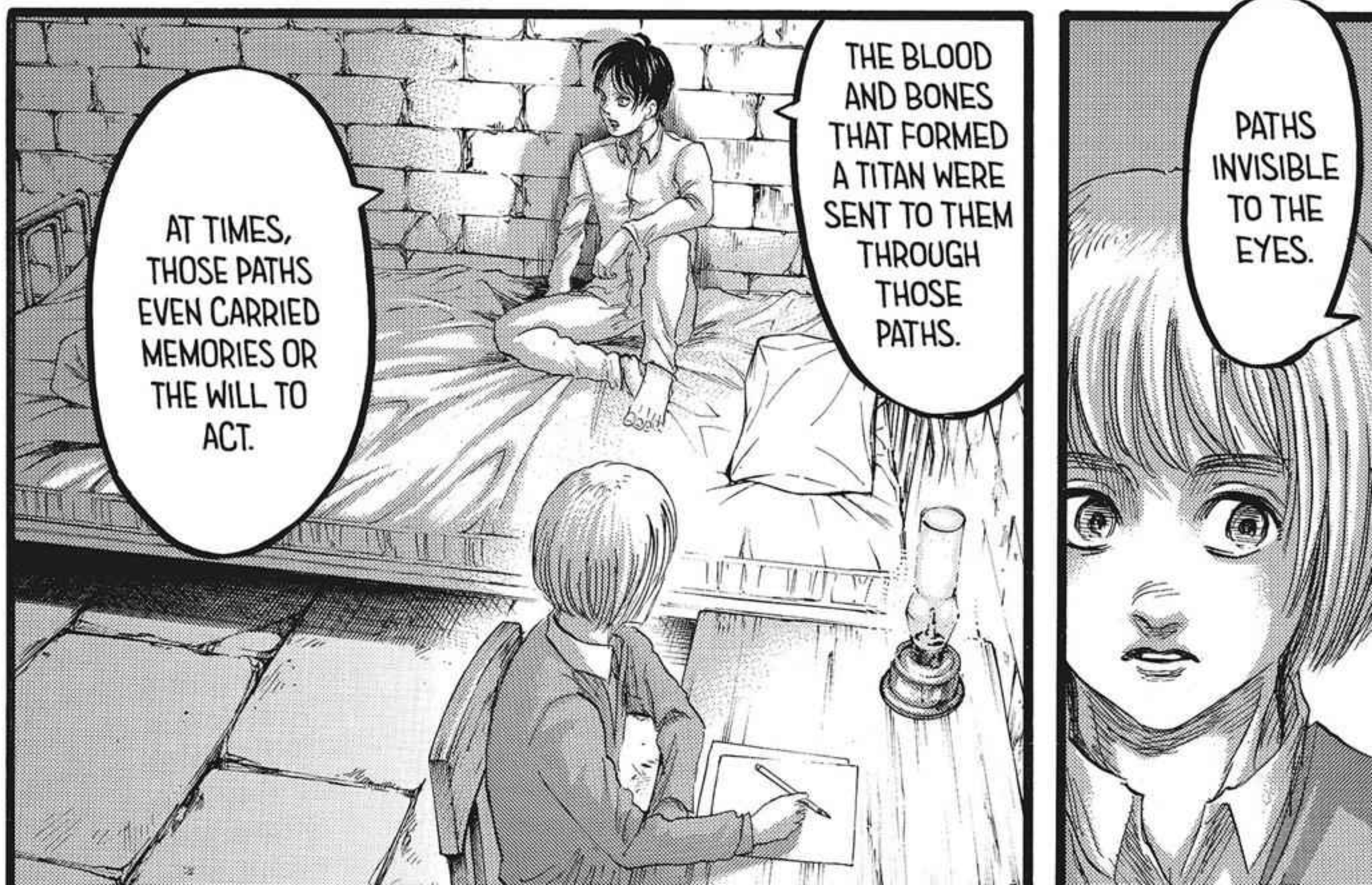
THEN  
THE POWER OF  
THAT TITAN  
IS SUDDENLY  
INHERITED BY A  
BABY BELONGING  
TO THE  
SUBJECTS OF  
YMIR.



ONE  
SUCCESSOR  
SAID THEY  
SAW  
**PATHS.**

...THE  
SUBJECTS OF  
YMIR ARE ALL  
CONNECTED BY  
SOMETHING  
INVISIBLE.

SO YOU  
CAN'T  
HELP BUT  
THINK  
THAT  
MAYBE...




AT TIMES,  
THOSE PATHS  
EVEN CARRIED  
MEMORIES OR  
THE WILL TO  
ACT.

THE BLOOD  
AND BONES  
THAT FORMED  
A TITAN WERE  
SENT TO THEM  
THROUGH  
THOSE  
PATHS.

PATHS  
INVISIBLE  
TO THE  
EYES.





IN  
OTHER  
WORDS,  
THAT...

AND  
ALL OF THOSE  
PATHS CROSS  
AT A SINGLE  
COORDINATE.



...IS THE  
FOUNDING  
TITAN.




THAT IS THE  
MOST RECENT  
THEORY POSITED  
BY THE MARLEY  
GOVERNMENT'S  
TITAN BIOLOGY  
RESEARCH  
SOCIETY.

THROUGH  
**PATHS**  
THAT  
TRANSCEND  
PHYSICAL  
SPACE.

ALL TITANS...  
ALL SUBJECTS  
OF YMIR ARE  
CONNECTED TO  
THAT  
COORDINATE.





SO WHICH IS IT?!

AND THAT OUR ANCESTOR, YMIR, WAS A WITCH ALL ALONG?

...SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT MAGIC EXISTS?




TO THE ELDIAN EMPIRE, SHE WAS A GOD-GIVEN MIRACLE.



THE MARLEYAN AUTHORITIES CALL HER A PAWN OF THE DEVIL.




SO THEN WHAT IS THE TRUTH? WHAT IS OUR REAL HISTORY?



WERE ALL OF THOSE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS YOU SENT US NOTHING MORE THAN FUEL FOR OUR MORALE, TOO?!





...HUH?

THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THAT, TOO.



...OUR ANCESTOR YMIR TOUCHED THE SOURCE OF ALL LIVING MATTER."

"WHEN SHE WAS A GIRL..."




ALL IT TAKES IS FOR SOMEONE TO CLAIM IT FOR IT TO BE TRUE.

ANYONE CAN BECOME A GOD OR A DEVIL.

THAT IS OUR REALITY.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TRUTH IN THIS WORLD.



OUR ANCESTOR, YMIR, BROUGHT US NOTHING BUT WEALTH WITH THE POWER OF THE TITANS?

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ANY HUMAN **I'VE** EVER HEARD OF.



IF THAT WERE TRUE, THERE WOULDN'T BE A STRAND OF MARLEYAN HAIR LEFT ON THIS PLANET.

SEVENTEEN CENTURIES OF ETHNIC CLEANSING?





WAS  
THAT  
ANOTHER  
ONE OF  
YOUR  
"TRUTHS"  
?

...  
FROM  
YOU,  
TOO.

I HEARD  
THAT DINA  
WAS PART OF  
THE ROYAL  
BLOOD-  
LINE...



...UN-  
FORTU-  
NATE-  
LY...



SO  
THAT'S  
WHY YOU  
ABAN-  
DONED  
HER.

...



SHE WAS  
PROBABLY THE  
ONE THING THAT  
WASN'T TAKEN  
AWAY FROM THE  
INSURGENTS.

IT **IS**  
TRUE THAT  
DINA WAS  
OF ROYAL  
BLOOD.



**BECAUSE**  
SHE WAS  
OF ROYAL  
BLOOD.



SO  
THEN  
WHY?!



EVEN  
SO...

IT WAS  
A MATTER  
OF TIME BEFORE  
THEY SAW HIS  
WORDS WERE  
MORE THAN A  
CHILD'S  
BABBLE.

ZEKE  
WOULD  
SURELY  
TELL  
MARLEY  
EVERY-  
THING.

THERE  
WAS NO  
WAY I  
COULD LET  
HER FALL  
INTO OUR  
ENEMIES'  
HANDS.

NOT  
THAT I  
ASKED  
HER, OF  
COURSE  
...

HONESTLY,  
BEING  
TURNED INTO  
A MAN-EATING  
MONSTER  
MIGHT BE  
PREFERABLE  
TO THAT.

WOULD  
YOU PREFER  
SHE SPEND  
THE REST OF  
HER LIFE FORCED  
TO BEAR  
CHILDREN  
FOR HER  
ENEMY?

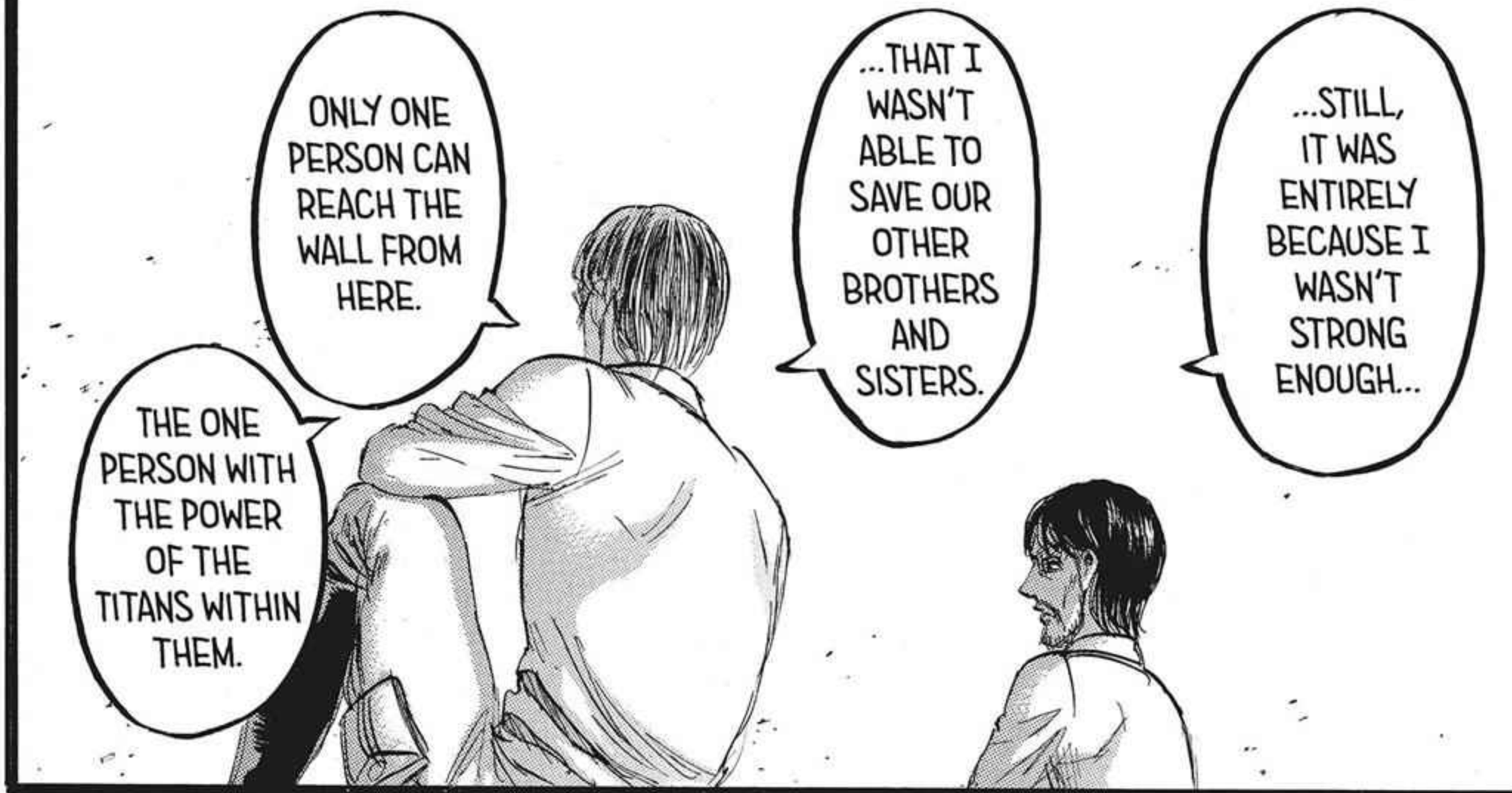
EVEN  
SO?

I  
THINK  
I MADE  
THE  
RIGHT  
CHOICE.

BUT  
SEEING  
HER IN  
THOSE  
LAST MO-  
MENTS  
...



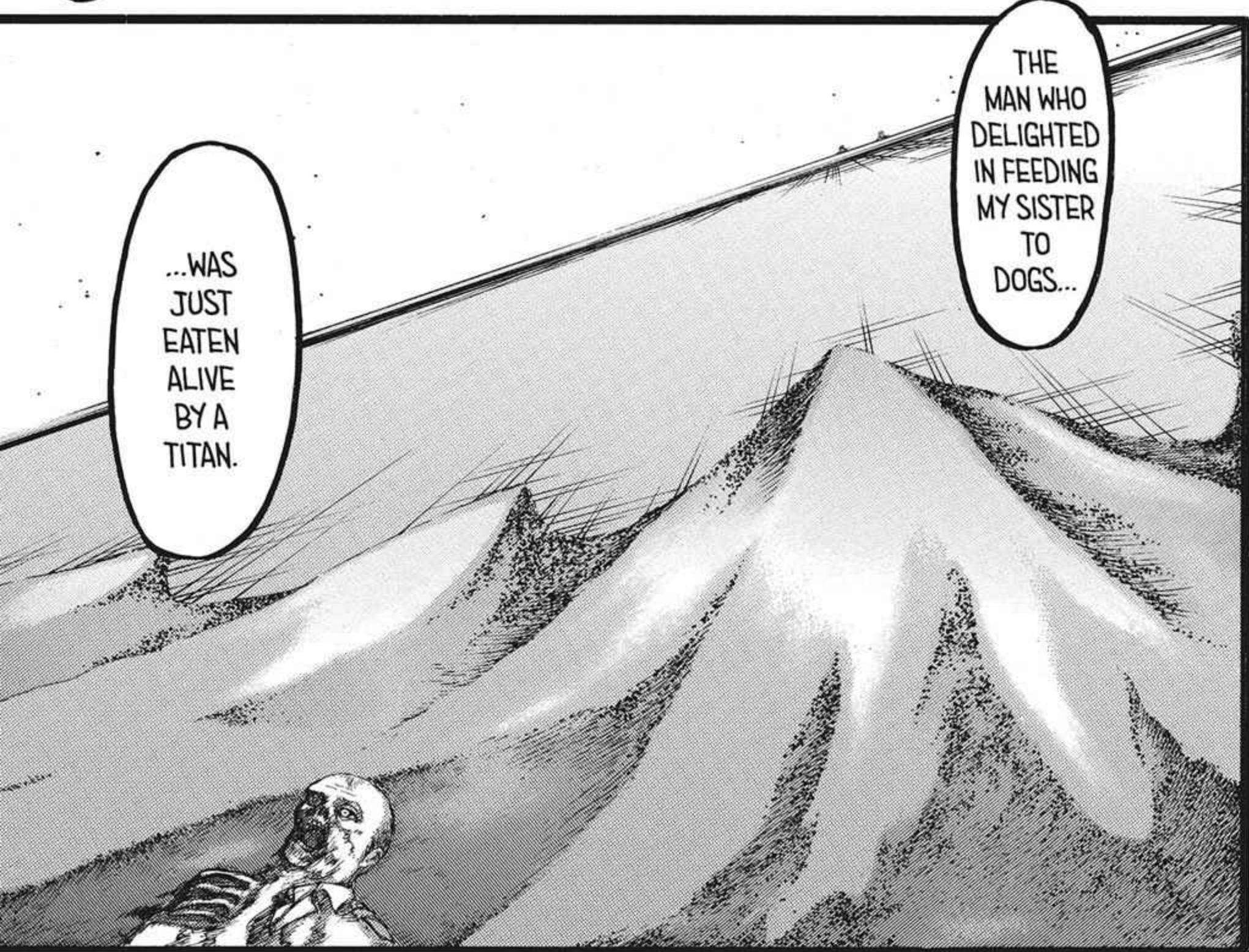








LOOK  
AT  
THAT.



...WAS  
JUST  
EATEN  
ALIVE  
BY A  
TITAN.

THE  
MAN WHO  
DELIGHTED  
IN FEEDING  
MY SISTER  
TO  
DOGS...



YOU  
ASKED  
ME IF I  
ENJOYED  
WATCHING  
HIM DIE.

THERE'S  
NO BETTER  
REVENGE  
THAT I  
COULD HAVE  
GOTTEN  
THAN THIS.





I COULDN'T  
BEAR TO HEAR  
THE REPULSIVE  
SCREAMS HE  
MADE AS HE  
DIED AN  
AGONIZING  
DEATH.

NO, I  
DIDN'T.



I WAS  
JUST...  
FRIGHT-  
ENED.

I FELT  
THE SAME WAY  
WHEN YOU WERE  
CRUSHING YOUR  
OWN MEN IN  
YOUR HANDS.



THE  
PAIN OF  
HAVING  
MY  
FINGERS  
CUT  
OFF...

LOSING  
MY WIFE  
AND  
SON,

LOSING  
MY  
BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS,

HAVEN'T  
CHANGED  
AT ALL...




I...





YOU'VE  
MADE A  
TERRIBLE  
MISCALCU-  
LATION.

I'M  
SORRY,  
BUT...



I'M  
S  
O  
R  
R  
Y.

I CAN'T  
HATE  
ANYTHING  
ANYMORE.



IF I'D  
KNOWN THIS  
WAS THE  
PRICE OF  
FREEDOM...

I  
NEVER  
WOULD  
HAVE  
PAID  
IT.



WAS A  
SMART  
MAN.

YOUR  
FATHER...







YES, YOUR FATHER. THE MAN WHO SMILED AND NODDED AT THE AUTHORITIES, EVEN THOUGH THEY BARELY LIFTED A FINGER AFTER HIS OWN DAUGHTER WAS KILLED.



HE WAS DESPERATE TO MAKE SURE YOU STAYED OFF THE WRONG PATH.



HE WAS TRYING NOT TO LOSE ANY MORE OF HIS FAMILY.



WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?



...HE SHIPPED HIS OWN WIFE AND SON STRAIGHT TO HELL.

BUT HIS SON LEARNED NOTHING FROM HIM. WORSE...















NO WILL  
TO  
STAND.

NO  
WILL  
TO  
LOOK.

NO  
WILL  
TO  
FIGHT.



...I  
CAN'T  
LOOK.



HAVE  
YOU BEEN  
CASTRATED  
BY  
MARLEY?

YOU'VE  
GOT  
NO  
**BALLS**  
...

HUH  
?



...ARE  
MY  
SINS.



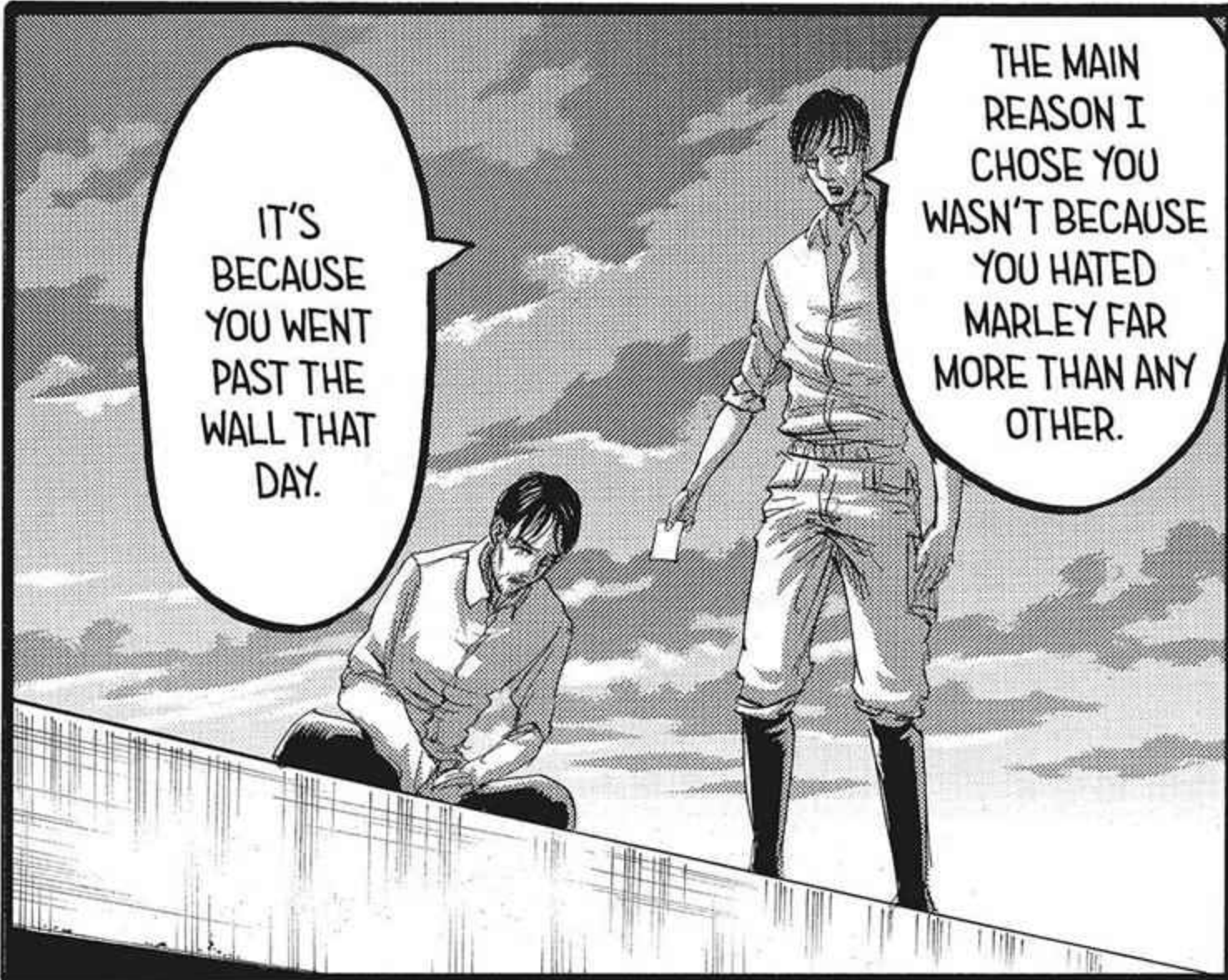
ALL  
I HAVE  
LEFT...

IT'S  
POINTLESS  
TO TRY TO  
MAKE ME  
RECALL MY  
HATRED.





THAT'S  
ENOUGH.



IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU WENT  
PAST THE  
WALL THAT  
DAY.

THE MAIN  
REASON I  
CHOSE YOU  
WASN'T BECAUSE  
YOU HATED  
MARLEY FAR  
MORE THAN ANY  
OTHER.



YOUR LITTLE  
SISTER WOULD  
BE AN ADULT  
BY NOW,  
PROBABLY  
MARRIED.

IF YOU  
HAD NEVER  
GONE OUTSIDE  
WITH YOUR  
SISTER,

PERHAPS  
SHE WOULD  
BE A  
MOTHER.

YOU  
WOULD  
HAVE  
INHERITED  
YOUR  
FATHER'S  
CLINIC,

YOU  
WOULD  
NEVER  
HAVE  
MET  
DINA...

AND  
ZEKE  
WOULD  
NEVER  
HAVE  
BEEN  
BORN.





BUT YOU  
WENT PAST THE  
WALL.



FROM  
THE DAY  
YOU  
BROUGHT  
YOUR SISTER  
OUTSIDE  
THE  
WALL...



FROM  
THE FIRST  
DAY I CAME  
HERE TO KICK  
MY COMPA-  
TRIOTS TO  
THEIR  
DEATHS...



THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
WAY TO PAY  
THEM  
BACK.

WE  
SOUGHT  
FREEDOM,  
AND OUR  
BROTHERS  
AND  
SISTERS  
PAID THE  
PRICE  
FOR IT.



THOSE  
ACTIONS  
WILL FOLLOW  
US UNTIL  
THEY'RE  
REPAID.

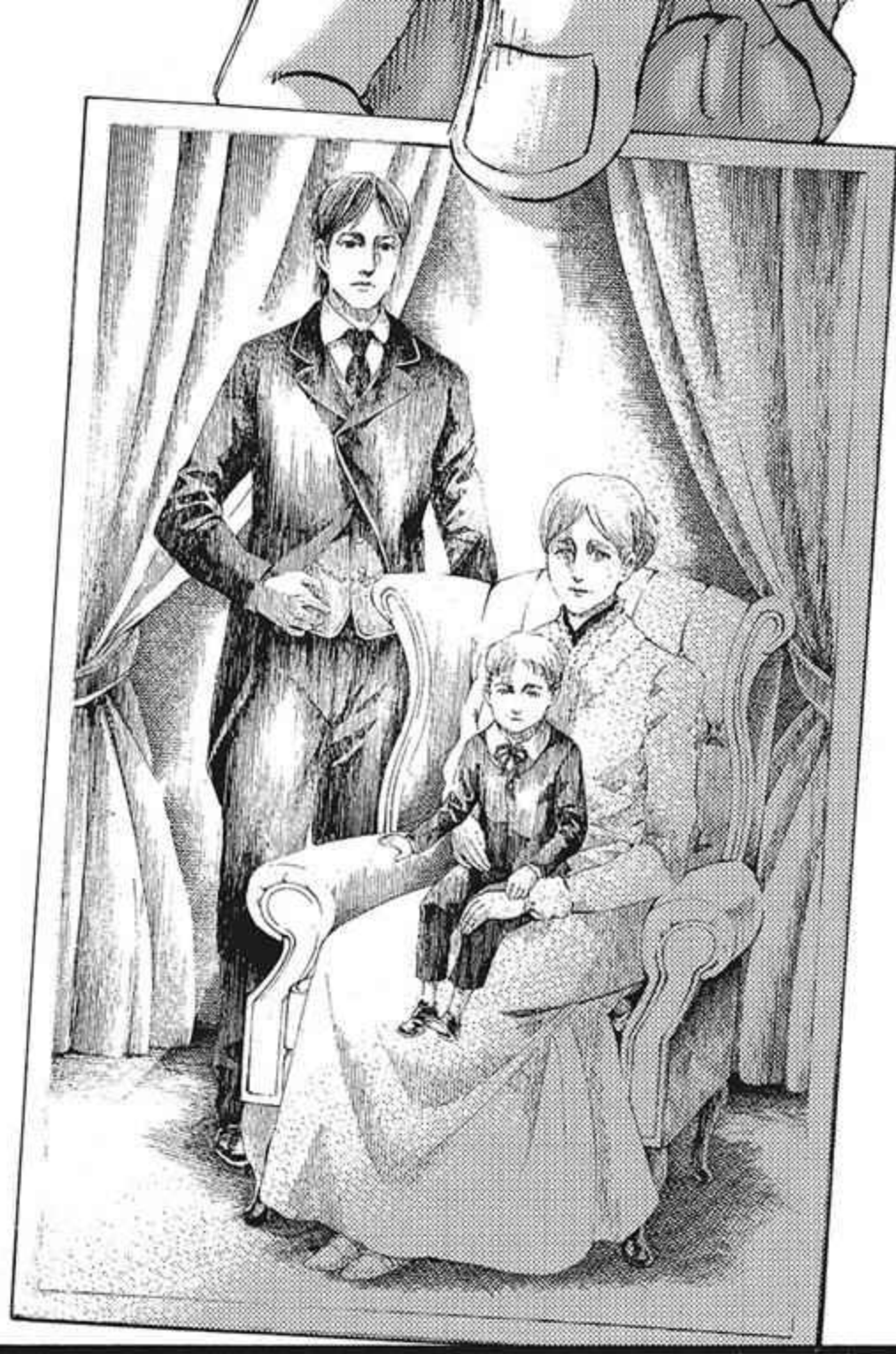


EVEN  
IF WE  
DIE,

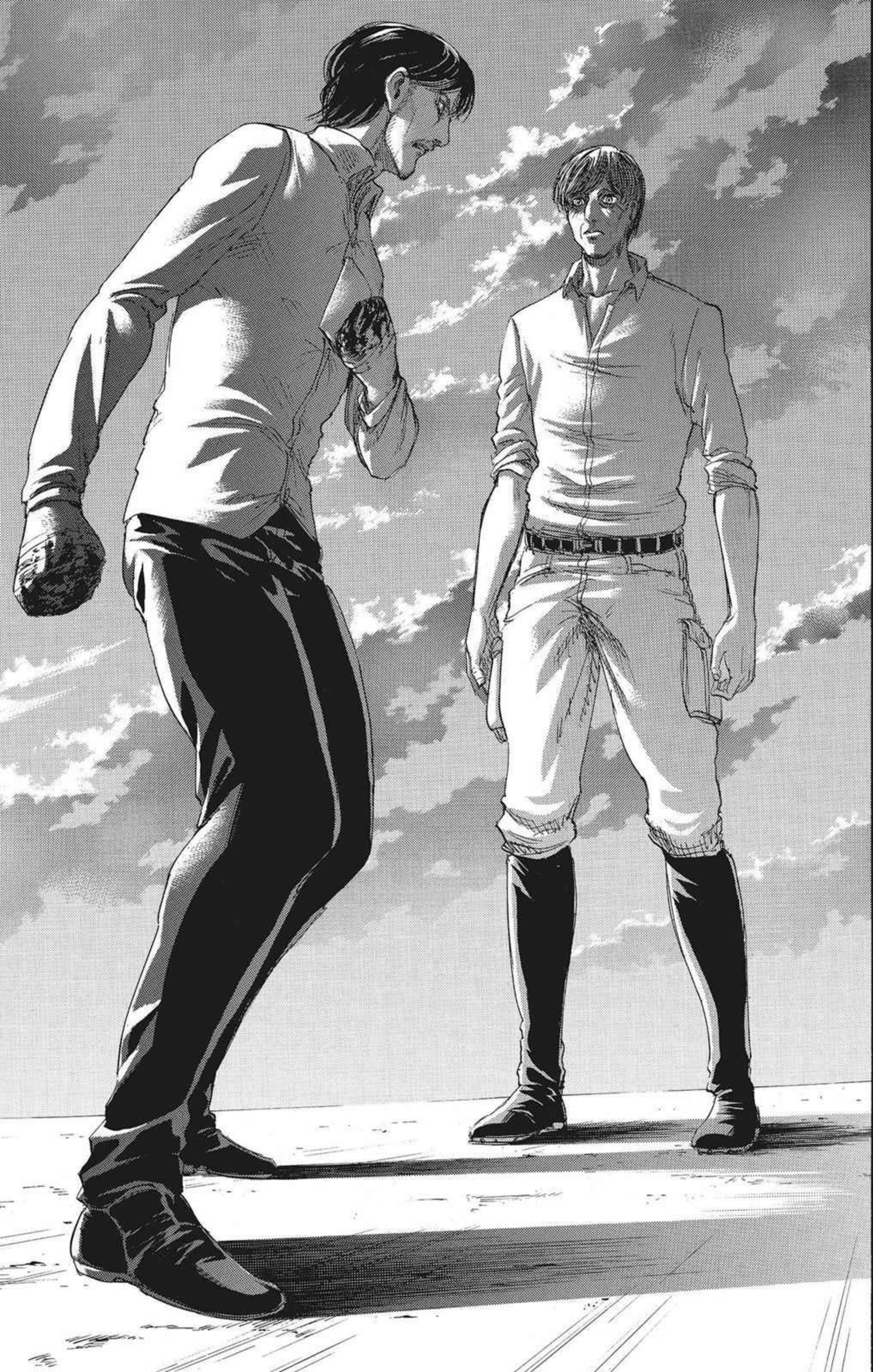


EVEN  
AFTER  
WE DIE.















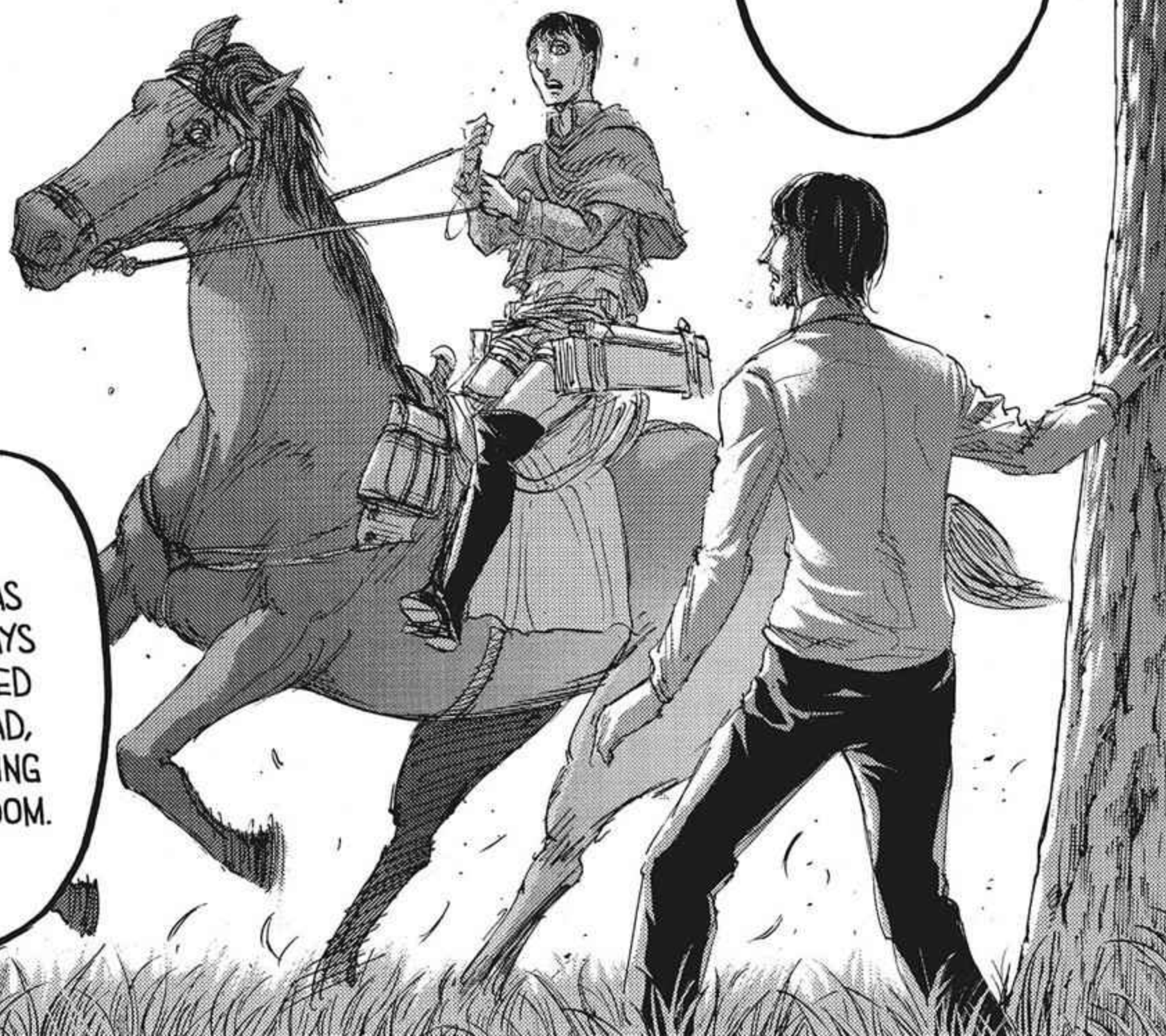
THAT  
INCLUDES  
THE ONE  
YOU'RE  
ABOUT TO  
INHERIT  
FROM ME.

EACH  
OF THE  
NINE TITANS  
HAS A  
NAME.



IN EVERY  
ERA, THIS  
TITAN...

...HAS  
ALWAYS  
MOVED  
AHEAD,  
SEEKING  
FREEDOM.

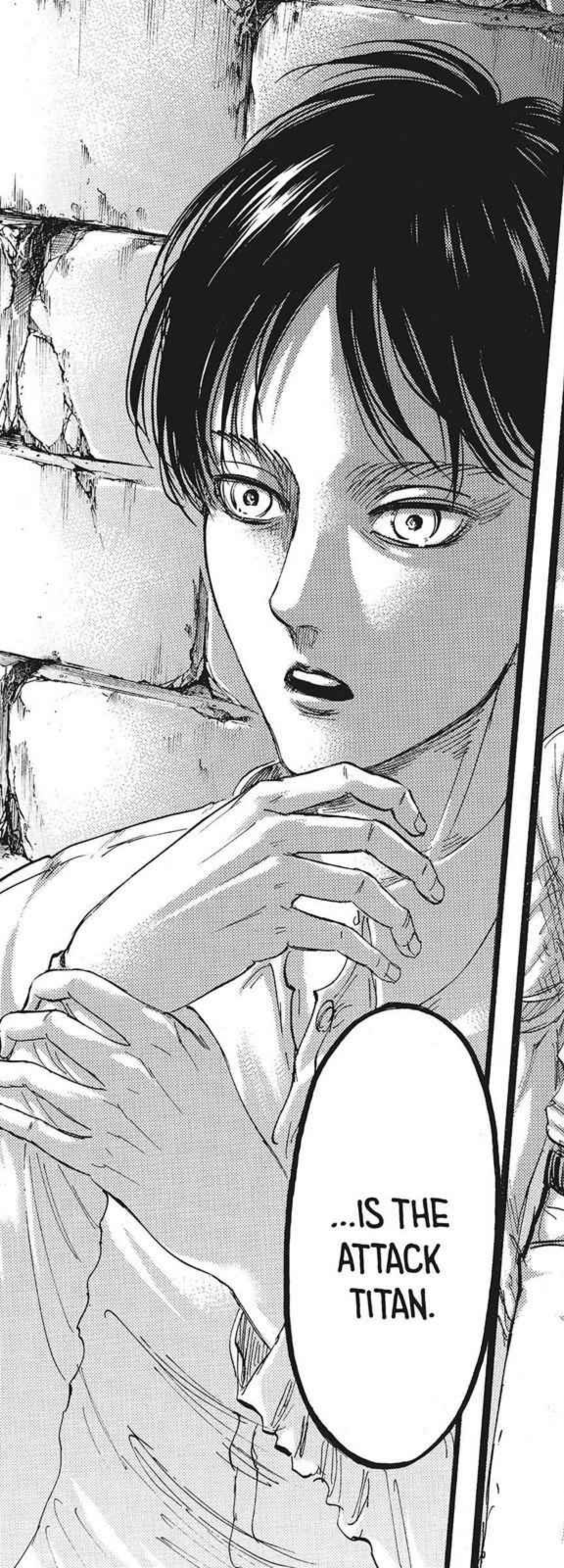




IT HAS  
FOUGHT  
ON FOR  
FREEDOM.







ITS  
NAME...

...IS THE  
ATTACK  
TITAN.





# ATTACK on TITAN